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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated October 12, 2000, be extended for three months to and including April 12, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$890 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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